| Date | Level of the Meeting |
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| 13.11.2000 | National Level Review meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (UEPA) at New Delhi. |
| 27.12.2000 | National Level Review Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for UD & PA which the concerned Ministers of the State Governments; |
| 12.9.2002 | National Level Review Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for UD&PA which the Urban Development Ministers of the State Governments. |
| 21.10.2002 | High Level Monitoring Committee meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary with representatives of Kerala, Gujarat, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Maharashtra, Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance (Banking Division), RBI and HSMI at New Delhi. |

**MD (Homoeopathy) course through correspondence in Kerala**

*275. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the starting of MD (Homoeopathy) course in Kerala through correspondence;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large section of postgraduate students in Homoeopathy Medical College in Thiruvananthapuram protested against Government's move to the correspondence course as it defeats the very purpose of maintaining uniform standard in education;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to review its decision; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government have, however, made a special provision for external candidates to undergo MD (Homoeopathy) examination. The Government have received the representation against such special provision. The Government, however, is of the opinion that this special provision is necessary to make available teachers with Post Graduate qualifications for teaching in the Homoeopathy institutions.

**Hepatitis-B Vaccination Programme**

†*276. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the practicality and success of Hepatitis-B Vaccination Programme in the slums of the country;

(b) if so, the number of people benefited by the said programme; and

(c) the names of the States in which the said programme has been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The pilot project for introduction of Hepatitis B vaccine under the Universal Immunization Programme was launched by the Hon' ble Prime Minister on 10th June, 2002. The objective of this pilot project is to assess the feasibility of introduction of Hepatitis-B vaccine under the universal Immunization Programme.

The Project is being implemented is slum areas of 15 cities in the First Phase and thereafter in 32 districts in the Second Phase. Names of the cities districts covered under the Project are given in Statement I and II. *(See* below). This project is expected to cover about 16.1 lakh infants.

The training of the master trainers, medical officers and vaccine handlers etc. has been completed in most of the cities included in the First Phase of the Project. The vaccination of targeted infants in Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) has already started, the vaccination in other cities would start soon.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.